

## WELLS HE DID IT

Shows to Advantage in Fight With Knockout Brown.

English Champion Defense Puzzle to New York Fighter.

## BROWN FIGHTS HARD

Takes Wicked Punishment Trying to Land Knockout.

Bout Occurs on Historic Platform at Madison Square.

Madison Square Garden, N. Y., Aug. 31.—Matt Wells, English lightweight champion, Wednesday night added to his list of laurels by outboxing and outfighting "Knockout" Brown, the New York lightweight, in a 10-round bout before probably the largest crowd that ever witnessed a pugilistic contest in New York city. The bout, the second to be held under the new boxing law, brought a crowd of probably 14,000 persons to Madison Square Garden.

The British champion was never in danger at any period during the mulling and left the run unmarked while "Knockout" Brown was bleeding about the mouth and from a cut under his right eye.

Wells' cool and calculating defense had the American sorely puzzled, and he repelled Brown's attack from every angle. Brown could not solve the Englishman's left jab, which played about his face with lightning-like rapidity and kept the American from doing any damage at infighting.

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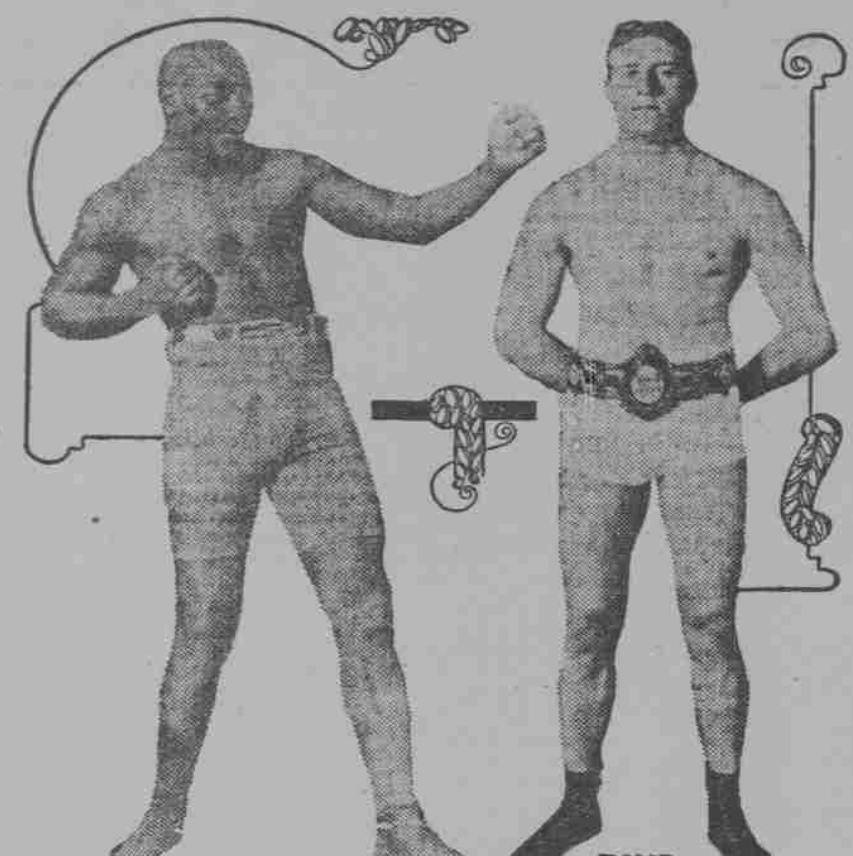
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Pueblo	12	54	.222	24
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New York	47	44	.515	94
Chicago	47	44	.515	94
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